

Dear delegates and members of APSC,

As the congress chair of APSC 2020 in Kyoto, it is our pleasure and honor to announce that APSC 2020 in Kyoto will modify from onsite meeting to webinar as "APSC-JCS joint meeting" from July 27 to August 1 parallel to the web-based meeting of JCS named JCS week, and the onsite meeting will be postponed from 2020 in Kyoto to 2022 in Kobe after APSC 2021 in Thailand.

Although we decided previously to postpone APSC 2020 from March to the end of July, there would be some risk of COVID-19 infection in Asian-Pacific Area and it might be difficult to have the onsite meeting. After careful discussion between the organizing committee of JCS and the Executive Council member of APSC, we decided the postponement of APSC 2020 in Kyoto from 2020 to 2022 in Kobe according to the recommendation of the president and the Executive Council member of APSC.

The webinar of "APSC-JCS joint meeting" is planning as 2 tracks of 90 min session in each every day and it will be performed around noon and in the evening in Japan. On August 1 (Saturday), we would be hosting our virtual APSC Fellows Convocation.

Further details will be informed on the home page of APSC 2020 and the website of APSC soon.

I have to apologize this inconvenience to all the member of APSC, and I would be very grateful if you could understand these difficult circumstances.

I hope all of you stay safe and take care of your health during this pandemic period of COVID-19 infection.

We are looking forward to seeing you on web this year and onsite 2022 in Kobe.

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